**Culminating Writing Task for Flowers for Algernon:**

**Student Prompt:** Has Charlie fundamentally changed from the beginning of the text? Was his life improved as a result of the surgery?

Write an **argumentative essay** in which you state a claim about Charlie’s improvement. Support your claims with reasons and evidence that show how the author’s choices **(i.e., point of view/dramatic irony and text structure)** affect your feelings toward and understanding of Charlie, and help to develop a theme related to Charlie’s desire to better himself.

Write a **multi-paragraph essay** that uses proper grammar, conventions, spelling, and grade-appropriate words and phrases. **Cite** several pieces of textual evidence to support the response, including direct quotations with page numbers.